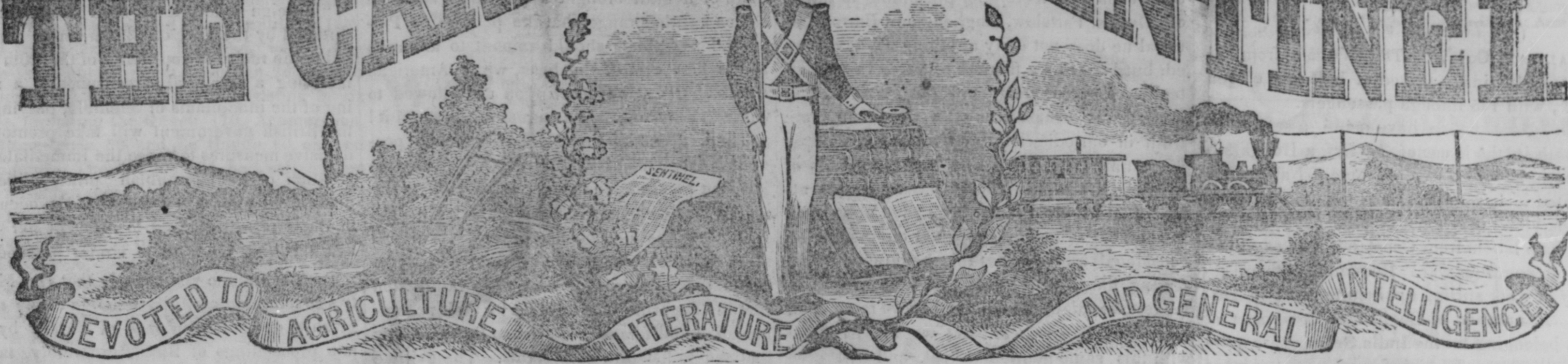


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THE COMING STRUGGLE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH;

OR, THE POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS, AS DESCRIBED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPHECIES OF EZEKIEL, DANIEL, AND THE APOCALYPSE.

[Continued.]

But it is now time that we enter on the principal part of our present work, to which the foregoing forms a necessary introduction.— And before speaking of what is about to occur, let us see the exact portion of the prophecy that has been fulfilled. By going back to the history of the past, we could clearly trace the course of the prophecy, from its first beginning to the present time; but this is unnecessary. It will suffice if we make the reader understand where we are at present. We are, then, under the sixth vial. The gold, silver, and brass of Nebuchadnezzar's image have passed away; three of Daniel's beasts have departed; and John's seals have been opened, his trumpets have been sounded, and five of his vials have been poured. By turning to the 12th verse of the 16th chapter of the Revelation, the reader will find a description of the present, or sixth vial. It was to be poured out on the Euphrates,—or the Turkish empire,—and began in 1820, when the Greeks rebelled against the sultan, and established a new kingdom. From that time Turkey has been subjected to incessant warfare with neighboring powers, distraction and strife from civil rebellions, and ravaging pestilences from the hand of God. Six years after the successful revolt of the Greeks, the Janizaries attempted to follow their example; but their insurrection was repressed, and by the despot's command thousands of them were butchered. The next year he lost 110 ships in the battle of Navarino, and in the following season had to sustain a double conflict in a Russian war and an Albanian insurrection. Then followed a ten years' war with France, respecting Algeria, which resulted in the loss of that province, and its annexation to the latter kingdom. In 1830, Egypt and Syria were taken by Mehemet Ali, and this led to sanguinary and bloody strife in that direction. Besides these reverses at the hand of man, the country was scourged with cholera and plague for eleven years; and thus wasted and weakened, she is in daily fear of being totally overthrown by a foreign power. But why, it may be asked, is such a vial of wrath poured upon the Turkish empire?— Ah! God had a long and heavy account to settle with this nation. When under the title of the Eastern Roman empire, what iniquity and injustice did it not perpetrate against the Jews, God's own peculiar people; and though permitted to succeed in its cruelty for the express purpose of punishing the Jewish nation for their transgressions against the Most High, yet such is God's jealousy with regard to this race which he has chosen, that even the instruments with which he chastises them are made the objects of his fiercest vengeance. It was so with the Babylonian nation who carried them into captivity; and it is so with the Ottoman empire, which has now the seat of the dragon, and in former days dispersed them a-

mong the Gentiles. For this and other crimes, enumerated in the 11th chapter of Daniel, the Lord had a bitter controversy with TURKEY, which will never cease till it is destroyed unto the end. The seventh vial began in 1830, when the whole political atmosphere, as if charged with democratic electricity, gave forth flashes, and appeared to be on the eve of an explosion. These two vials are therefore both going on at this time, and will end together, at the beginning of the thousand years. It is at this critical period that the vision is to be unsealed. In other words, the Roman powers are to be placed in a certain position, and to be actuated by a certain agency, which, we are told, is to indicate the time of the end, and warn the inhabitants of the earth to prepare for the coming of the kingdom. This important information is given in the following words:—"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." The powers that represent the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, are the sultan, the Emperor of Austria, and the pope; and the frogs, or frog power, is France—frogs being the original heraldic symbol of that nation. When, therefore, we perceive the influence of France causing "unclean spirits," or evil policy, to actuate these three powers, then are we to recognize the immediate approach of the end; for this, says the prophecy, will cause the kings of the earth to be gathered together to "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." This period has now come. France has at this moment the pope and the emperor in a very critical position. By occupying Rome and protecting the pope, it has obtained a certain right to dictate the policy of his holiness,—now, alas! robbed of his imperial dignity, and reduced to the position of a "false prophet,"—and is causing him to involve the other nations in war. By this move, it has also placed itself in antagonism to Austria, and brought forth an unclean spirit from thence, which in a little time will create an open war between the powers, involving many other kingdoms in the strife, and ultimately producing consequences of a fatal nature to the whole ten kingdoms. France is also causing an unclean spirit to proceed from the sultan, by promising him help in case of a Russian invasion, and inciting him to a war with that mighty power, when he would otherwise yield quietly to it. Thus we see in full operation that agency which is to indicate the time of the end, and produce the terrible events which must precede and accomplish that period. Let us now, by the light of the prophecy, try to discover the nature of these, and thus be able to read the political history of the next fifteen years, and learn something of the events which will take place from that time till the millennium. In doing so, we imagine that the following will be the principal coming events:—

I. The Seizure of Constantinople and Overthrow of Turkey by the Emperor of Russia.

- II. War between France and Austria.—Overthrow of the latter, and consequent Destruction of the Papacy.
- III. The Conquest of the Horns or Continental Powers by the Emperor of Russia.
- IV. BRITAIN rapidly extends her Eastern Possessions, prevents the Occupation of Judea, and completes the first Stage of the Restoration of the Jews.

[To be continued.]

THE AMERICAN UNION.—The following table will be found convenient for reference, and is worthy of being preserved:

- 1607 Virginia first settled by the English.
- 1614 New York first settled by the Dutch.
- 1620 Massachusetts settled by the Puritans.
- 1623 New Hampshire settled by the Puritans.
- 1624 New Jersey settled by the Dutch.
- 1627 Delaware settled by Swedes and Fins.
- 1634 Maryland settled by Catholics.
- 1635 Connecticut settled by the Puritans.
- 1636 Rhode Island by Roger Williams.
- 1650 North Carolina settled by English.
- 1682 Pennsylvania settled by William Penn.
- 1734 Georgia settled by Gen. Oglethorpe.
- 1791 Kentucky admitted into the Union.
- 1791 Vermont admitted into the Union.
- 1796 Tennessee admitted into the Union.
- 1802 Ohio admitted into the Union.
- 1811 Louisiana admitted into the Union.
- 1816 Indiana admitted into the Union.
- 1817 Mississippi admitted into the Union.
- 1818 Illinois admitted into the Union.
- 1819 Alabama admitted into the Union.
- 1820 Maine admitted into the Union.
- 1821 Missouri admitted into the Union.
- 1836 Michigan admitted into the Union.
- 1836 Arkansas admitted into the Union.
- 1845 Florida admitted into the Union.
- 1845 Texas admitted into the Union.
- 1846 Iowa admitted into the Union.
- 1848 Wisconsin admitted into the Union.
- 1850 California admitted into the Union.

Sir Astley Cooper, on visiting the French capital, was asked by the surgeon en chef of the empire, how many times he had performed some wonderful feat of surgery. He replied that he had performed the operation thirteen times. "Ah, but Monsieur, I have done him one hundred and sixty times. How many times did you save his life?" continued the curious Frenchman, after he looked into the blank amazement of Sir Astley's face. "I," said the Englishman, "saved eleven out of the thirteen. How many did you save out of a hundred and sixty?" "Ah, Monsieur, I lose dem all; but de operation was very brillante." It is hard for a man who has seen England and France both in motion, to forget this story.

PROTESTANT CHINAMEN.—One of our California exchanges has the following:—

"It is a curious fact that many of the Chinamen in this region are Protestants, who take oath on the Bible in Courts of Justice, and say they were converted in China by the labors of a missionary whom they name with much love. They are peaceable and industrious, and give practical evidence that their faith is illustrated by works."

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

He who hates you without a cause, pays you a high compliment. The superiority you do not claim, is acknowledged by jealousy.

An Irish editor, in speaking of the miseries of Ireland, says, "Her cup of misery has been for ages overflowing, and is not yet full."

The man whose conscience smote him, has had the darned critter bound over to keep the peace.

A man determined to outdo the horticulturist who raised chickens from egg plants, has succeeded in producing a colt from a horse chesnut.

Dan Marble, speaking of a young gentleman with moustaches, said:—"He is a critter that wears hair on his upper lip to keep the spiders from crawlin' into his holler squash."

"What is the best attitude for self-defence?" said a pupil, (putting on the gloves,) to a well known pugilist. "Keep a civil tongue in your head," was the significant reply.

Punch remarks that, seeing how difficult it is to get a complaint listened to at almost any post office, we think the old simile, "as deaf as a post," might very suitably be altered into "as deaf as a post-master."

There is a grocer up town who is so mean that he was seen to catch a flea off his counter, hold him up by the hind legs, and look into the cracks of his feet, to see if he hadn't been stealing some of his sugar.

A GOOD REASON.—"I say, printer, do you take Manhattan money?"

"No."
"What's the reason—ain't it good?"
"Yes."
"Why don't you take it then?"
"Can't get it."

Booth the tragedian, had the misfortune to have his nose broken by Tom Flynn, some years since. A lady once said to him, "I like your acting and beautiful reading, Mr. Booth, but I cannot get over your nose." "No wonder, madam," replied he, "the bridge is gone."

A few days ago, Pat Murphy asked for a money order at the post office in Dundalk, and was particular in stating that Dundalk was in the county of Louth, and that Louth was in Ireland; but when asked where Ireland was, "Fakes," says he, "you have puzzled me now quite entirely."

There is an old lady in Virginia who believes it to be a Bible doctrine that, for seven years before the end of the world no children are to be born: and that gives her comfort, for at every fresh birth she hears of, she says to herself, well the seven years at least have not begun.

Some one tells a story of an Irishman on board of the Atlantic, Captain West. On his last voyage the following dialogue took place:—"Which way does she head, Pat?" "West south-west, half-west, a little westerly." "By you will improve on that, I'll order you a bottle of wine." "Be dad, I'll do it,—west south-west, half-west, a little westerly, Captain West."—The Captain immediately ordered a tumbler and cork-screw.